

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1722**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Takehiro KATA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1722

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 26, 2001, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 1 and 6 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A vulcanizing mold for pneumatic tires, comprising:
upper and lower base plates;
upper and lower sidewall mold members for forming tire sidewall portions,
said upper and lower sidewall mold members being attached to said upper and lower base plates, respectively;

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